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SUBJECT: CYPRUS

FOR SISCO AND HARTMAN

SUMMARY: GREEK AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRAKIS MET WITH BUFFUM
MARCH 4 TO MAKE PITCH IN FAVOR OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS
AND TO SEEK US SUPPORT FOR GREEK POSITION IN ONGOING UN
SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION AND U.S. SUPPORT FOR MOVING SITE
FOR THE RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS TO NEW YORK.

1. BUFFUM EXPLAINED U.S. COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGING
RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AND POINTED OUT THAT WE RECOG-
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NIZE CLERIDES' NEED FOR A NEW ELEMENT IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL

TALKS.

2. RE MOVING NEGOTIATION SITE TO NEW YORK, BUFFUM REPORTED FRANK DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKS HAD REVEALED MUCH TURKISH DISTRUST OF UN. TURKS FELT UN PREJUDICED AGAINST THEM PARTLY BECAUSE UN KEPT NICOSIA AIRPORT OUT OF TURKISH HANDS.

3. RE ROLE NEUTRAL PARTIES CAN PLAY, BUFFUM REPORTED TURKISH POSITION IS (A) THE TWO PARTIES HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING AND THE TURKS DON'T SEE HOW "NON-INFORMED NEUTRALS" CAN HELP, AND (B) IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS INSIST

ON ADDING OTHER PARTIES, THIS WOULD REVEAL GOC NOT TRULY SERIOUS ABOUT PURSUING NEGOTIATIONS.

4. BUFFUM NOTED THAT U.S. COULD ONLY SUPPORT SC RESOLUTION TO WHICH NEITHER PARTY OBJECTED. IT COULD BE USEFUL FOR SC TO REAFFIRM ITS POSITION ENDORSING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS AND NEED FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR SC TO CHOOSE UP SIDES AND DICTATE A SPECIFIC NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK OVER OBJECTION OF ONE OF PARTIES CONCERNED. BUFFUM HOPED THERE WAS STILL ENOUGH ROOM FOR MANEUVER ON BOTH SIDES SO MUTUALLY AGREED RESOLUTION COULD BE FOUND AT UN.

5. ALEXANDRAKIS RAISED ISSUE OF APPARENT U.S. TILT TOWARD TURKEY EXPRESSING DISMAY THAT U.S. HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET TURKS TO SHOW MORE FLEXIBILITY AND HOPING THE CONGRESSIONAL AID CUTOFF WOULD SHOW SOME IMPACT IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS. HE STRESSED VALUE OF GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE ALLIANCE IN NATO. BUFFUM HEARTILY ENDORSED GREEK FRIENDSHIP AND VALUE OF NATO, AND INDICATED SECRETARY INTENDS TO PURSUE HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. INGERSOLL

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